



**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors                      DATE: July 25, 2017  
FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer  
By: James Importante, Senior Management Analyst  
SUBJECT: Placer Land Trust Sustainable Lands Conservation Program Grant Application

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a Resolution of support for the Placer Land Trust application for a California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program grant to obtain an easement on the Oest Ranch "Phase 5" properties located near North Auburn.

**BACKGROUND**

Oest Ranch is a historic cattle ranch situated in two locations in Placer County: about half of the ranch is in Clipper Gap east of Auburn, and the other half is along Hwy 49 north of Auburn. With contributions from the Placer Legacy Program and other funding partners, the Placer Land Trust (PLT) conserves over 600 acres of Oest Ranch.

On July 3, 2017, the County received a letter from PLT stating that it was invited to apply for a grant from the State of California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) to protect the remaining 314 acres. SALCP requires a Resolution of Support from the Board of Supervisors approving PLT's SALCP grant application. The SALCP grant application is due August 1.

This request was reviewed by the Placer Legacy committee, comprised of representatives of the Planning Services and PCCP divisions within the Community Development Resources Agency, County Executive Office, and the Park and Grounds and Property Management divisions within Public Works and Facilities. The proposal is consistent with Placer Legacy goals and objectives for agricultural and open space preservation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution  
Location Map

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

## In the matter of:

Adopt a Resolution in support of the Placer Land Trust application for a California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program grant for an easement on the Oest Ranch "Phase 5" property located near North Auburn.

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, the California Legislature has established the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program within the Department of Conservation, and through a grant program is providing assistance to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion pressures; and

WHEREAS, the landowner, Daryl Oest and family, intends to grant to Placer Land Trust an agricultural conservation easement to record over a portion of their ranch located near the

intersections of Highway 49 and Lorensen Road/Lone Star Road for the purpose of conserving priority agricultural land resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approves the easement proposal by Placer Land Trust and certifies that the easement proposal meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 10251, to wit:

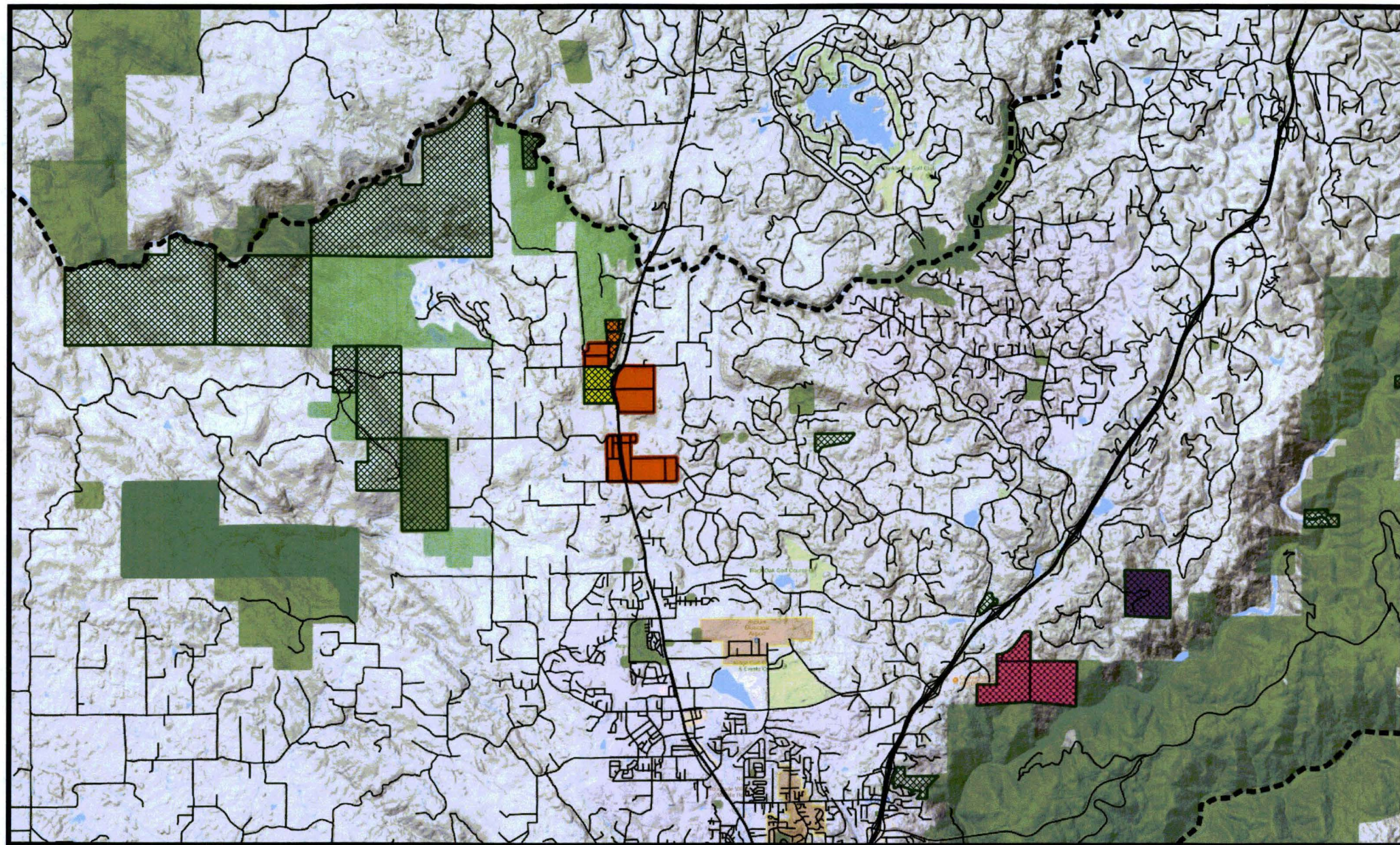
(a) The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to continue to be used for, and is large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. The land is also in an area that possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support services, and the surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term commercial agricultural production.

(b) Placer County has a general plan which demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures of the plan, as they relate to the area of County where the easement acquisition is proposed.

(c) Without conservation, the land proposed for protection is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California approves the filing of an application for funding from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) by Placer Land Trust.





## Oest Ranch Phase 5

### Vicinity and Conservation Land Connectivity

#### Oest Ranch

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Phase 4

Phase 5 (SALC application)

Placer Land Trust Preserves

Conserved Lands

Prospective Conserved Lands

Auburn City Limits

0 1 2 miles

